

PETITION FOR INITIAL DETENTION OF A MINOR

The petition for initial detention shall contain the following:

- (a) Identification of the petitioner as a designated mental health professional.
- (b) A statement describing the circumstances under which the condition of the respondent was brought to the petitioner's attention.
- (c) A statement that as a result of the petitioner's personal observation or investigation, the petitioner believes that the actions of the respondent constitute a likelihood of serious harm to the respondent, others, or to the property of others, or that the respondent is gravely disabled.
- (d) A statement of the specific facts known to the petitioner upon which he bases his belief that respondent should be detained for the purposes and under the authority of RCW 71.34.
- (e) A request that the respondent be detained at an evaluation and treatment facility for no more than a 72-hour treatment and evaluation period.
- (f) A statement that voluntary admission for inpatient treatment is not possible.
- (g) The date and the signature of the petitioner.
- (h) The petition shall be in substantially the following form:

SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON
FOR [_____] COUNTY

In re the Detention of:)	
)	No. _____
)	
Petitioner:)	PETITION FOR INITIAL
and)	DETENTION OF A MINOR
)	
Respondent:)	RCW 71.34.050

Pursuant to RCW 71.34 petitioner, a mental health professional designated by the county, alleges under penalty of perjury that:

Respondent, _____, was brought to my attention under the following circumstances: _____

As a result of my personal observation or investigation I believe that the actions of the respondent constitute a likelihood of serious harm or that the respondent is gravely disabled.

The specific facts known to me as a result of personal observation or investigation, upon which I base the belief that the respondent should be detained for the purposes and under the authority of RCW 71.34 are:

Voluntary admission is not possible. Therefore the petitioner requests that the respondent be detained at an evaluation and treatment facility for no more than a 72-hour evaluation and

treatment period, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 19____.

Petitioner

Sworn and Subscribed on _____

Notary Public for the State of Washington

Residing at _____

My commission expires on _____

[Adopted effective July 1, 1974; Amended effective July 1, 1974; December 19, 1986;
July 31, 1987.]